



Voyageur Canoe Race | Dan Hester

## RIVERFEST 2018

**Saturday | July 14 | 9 am – 4 pm**

Enjoy a summer day on the banks of the Wabash with a full slate of family-friendly activities promising to entertain, educate, and invigorate everyone. Team West Lafayette is eager to reclaim the Beaver award as they compete against Team Lafayette in the annual Voyageur Canoe City Challenge Race. Canoes sponsored and filled by local business people can get their oars wet and challenge each other in racing events down the Wabash. These canoes are replicas of the ones used by French Voyageurs who traded furs and explored the interior of the continent in the 1600-1700s.

Riverfest is a celebration of the Wabash River, the heart of Greater Lafayette. The event is

sponsored by the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation and includes a 5K Run/Walk, zipline, bike rodeo, petting zoo, bounce house, pony rides, music, food, fishing, conservation exhibits, and on and on and on. Check out [www.wabashriverfest.com](http://www.wabashriverfest.com) for all of the scoop and ways you can volunteer or become a sponsor.

New this year are plans to partner with the Friends of Downtown & Mosey Down Main Street to make a full day of fun activities on both sides of the river. Live music in the afternoon on the new river promenade (expected to open this summer) will serve as a transition from Riverfest to the Mosey. Mark your calendars because this is an event you won't want to miss!

## THE PINK PLANTER

**ART IN BLOOM** turns 10 this year. To celebrate, we are going back where it all began, highlighting gardens in Hills and Dales and work by local artists on June 23 from 10 am – 2 pm. This year, Art in Bloom will be featuring hot pink annuals, which are available at a special price for residents. Order forms are on the City website. Payment is due by May 3, and pick-up is on May 12 in the Farmers Market parking lot at Cumberland Park. Contact Bryce Patz at 765-775-5170 with any questions. Let the celebration begin!





## FRESH FROM THE FARM

### Farmers Market opens Wednesday, May 2

Hungry for farm-fresh food? Come to the Farmers Market on Wednesdays in Cumberland Park from 3:30 – 7 pm for old-fashioned camaraderie with your neighbors and the folks who grow your food. Coming soon to the market are spring favorites such as: asparagus, beets, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, fresh flowers, herbs, lettuce, radishes, rhubarb, spinach, strawberries, summer squash, sweet peppers & turnips. Check the website to find vendors, recipes, events, and volunteer opportunities, [www.wlfarmersmarket.com](http://www.wlfarmersmarket.com).



Pick up fresh produce and drop off your unneeded Rx/OTC drugs at the market on opening day!

## BLOCK TALKS

New programs were launched to help improve the quality of life within the City's various neighborhoods. Block Talks, led by Neighborhood Vitality staff Bryce Patz, address resident concerns, questions, and desires for their neighborhood. NEAT (Neighborhood Empowerment and Action Team) will be a committee where representatives can gather to discuss their neighborhoods, brainstorm ways to increase resident participation, hear more about City projects and how their neighborhoods will be impacted, and provide an open conduit with the City to address any neighborhood concerns. For more information on Block Talks for your neighborhood or NEAT, please contact Bryce at 765-775-5170.



See an issue in your neighborhood and wondering who to contact? Feel free to message us on the Nextdoor website to get the information you need.

## HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY SAM!

Sam Postlethwait's life of teaching, love of nature, and genuine compassion for others was celebrated in April at the Celery Bog Nature Area. We especially appreciate his beautiful nature photographs throughout our newsletters!



## CITY NEWS

### NEW HIRES

#### Michelle DeLucca

Driver/Collector/Processor  
Street and Sanitation Department

#### Joscelyn Thorpe

Probationary Patrol Dispatcher  
West Lafayette Police Department





## MAYOR'S COLUMN

### Keeping You in the Loop

First of all, welcome spring! We are blessed to be in a four-season state with beautiful springs, where we can go outside and breathe in lungfuls of sweet-scented air while biking or walking or running on our trails and in our neighborhoods. It's a great time to be alive.

To make the journey more pleasant in the Bar Barry Heights neighborhood, we're giving a facelift to its looping perimeter of Kent, Henderson, Essex and Covington Streets, as well as through the middle on Wilshire Avenue. Thanks to a Community Crossing grant from the State, two and a quarter miles of cracked and broken pavement will be replaced with new asphalt this summer. Although construction can be a hassle, be assured that your driveways will be accessible, and trash and bus schedules maintained. We've learned how *not* to do things as we had some hiccups last year in University Farms. Our goals are to have good quality



JOHN DENNIS

streets and to keep homeowners in the loop. Taking advantage of grants from the State makes the job even more attractive.

I challenge you to participate with me in water conservation efforts. Simple things like watering your lawn in the early morning or evening,

only running full loads of laundry or dishes, taking shorter showers, fixing leaks, using rain barrels, and creating rain gardens can all make a big difference when everyone works together. I'm grateful for many things this spring: you and fresh air and clean water top the list.

The greatest source of happiness is the ability to be grateful at all times.

Zig Ziglar

To purchase a discounted rain barrel kit, go to [www.wl.in.gov](http://www.wl.in.gov) under Wastewater Treatment Department or call 765-775-5145.



## SCENIC SNIPPETS



**Happy Hollow Park Sculptures** Look for a flight of insects to welcome visitors to the park this year. The four insect sculptures by Bill Secunda include lightning bugs, a praying mantis, a cricket, and a luna moth. They will grace the main entrance as well as the three pedestrian entrances. Keep your eyes open for more art to come in the most surprising places!

**Boilertown Mural** A collage of Purdue and West Lafayette landmarks made a splash on the wall of the State Street McDonald's. Petronio Bedito, an associate professor of visual communications design, has imbedded nine hidden icons within the colorful mural to show off Boiler pride. Can you identify any of them?

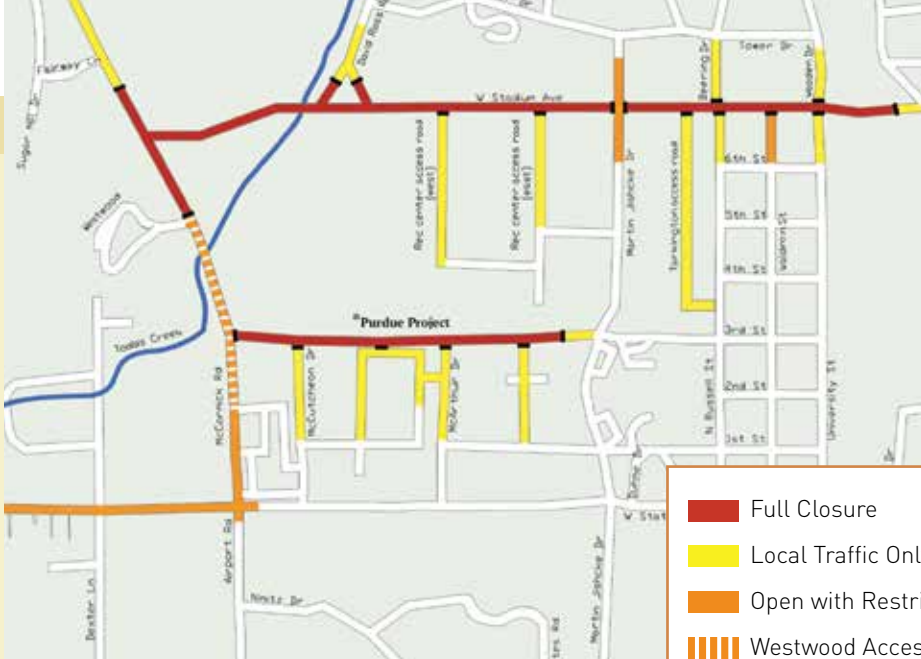


## RESURRECTING THE CARETAKER'S COTTAGE

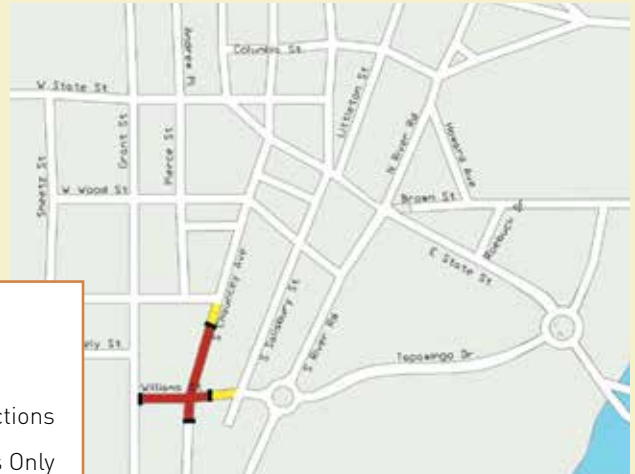
Donations from the historic lecture series "The Grand View of West Lafayette's History: Tales from the Grand View Cemetery and Beyond" sponsored by CHiPs and held at Bruno's are helping revive the 1903 landmark. Many thanks to those who attended and to Kettelhut for providing their building services with a 0% markup! Other businesses who are generously donating services are KJG Architecture for structural engineering, BF&S for civil site design, and ADA Consultants of Indiana for ADA consulting. IMI is providing flowable fill at a substantially reduced cost. Please visit the CHiPs West Lafayette Facebook page to learn more about future cemetery walks to be held on May 20 and October 21.



Make a donation to CHiPs  
[www.wl.in.gov/support](http://www.wl.in.gov/support)



May 14 – July 1, 2018



	Full Closure
	Local Traffic Only
	Open with Restrictions
	Westwood Access Only
	Barricades

## GETTING AROUND TOWN

Look for more of the same traffic closures this summer on W. Stadium Avenue and McCormick Road as construction season goes into high gear. Most of it will be completed by the start of the new school year. Please consult the vehicular traffic plans found at [www.statestreetwl.com](http://www.statestreetwl.com) for up-to-date information.

## UP AND COMING

Private developments are popping up all over West Lafayette in an effort to meet the rising need for apartment space for Purdue students. These structures meet building and zoning codes and are part of West Lafayette’s controlled growth. As always, be aware as you drive, bike, or walk near construction zones. Here’s a rundown of all upcoming structures with their expected completion dates.

**HUB** | Wood & Pierce | 10 stories | 289 units  
599 beds | August 2018

**HI-VINE** | 302 Vine | 5 stories | 73 units | 115 beds  
1st-floor commercial | late 2018

**ASPIRE** | Innovation District | 5 stories | 375 units  
835 beds Fall 2019

**HUB PLUS** | 101 S. Salisbury | 11 stories | 233 units  
608 beds | 1st-floor commercial | Fall 2019

**202 S. Chauncey** | 5 stories | 56 units | 104 beds Fall 2019

**RISE** | 100 S. Chauncey | 16 stories | 289 units  
675 beds | 1st-floor commercial | August 2019



View of the construction of Rise and Hub Plus from on top of HUB. Downtown Lafayette is in the far background.



## TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

So what exactly does the Clerk's Office do? Clerk Sana Booker takes us behind the scenes to discover the answers. "We preserve your history, everything that has to do with how the City works, all of the contracts, bids, estimates. We have archives at Purdue that date back to Jan 2, 1866, for the Town of West Lafayette." Among some of the old records in her desk are beautifully handwritten books, filled with records of the Battle of the Garbage War on July 1, 1947, and the Master Plan from 1953 among other treasures. "We don't throw anything away. We don't have the luxury of shredding because we need the original." Sana and her team of two deputies are kept very busy.

The Clerk's work includes being president of the Board of Public Works and Safety, and Clerk of the Common Council and the City Court, keeping the minutes and records. The Board of Works meets weekly and takes care of day-to-day business and serves as the approval board for costs for City



City Clerk Sana Booker (center) and deputies Nichole Foster and Lindsey McCollum

services. The Common Council, open to the public, discusses and approves big projects, contracts, and budgets. The Clerk calls roll, provides the agenda and calls on votes. The Clerk's First deputy takes the minutes. You can access the minutes for both boards at [www.wl.in.gov](http://www.wl.in.gov).

In addition, the Clerk represents the City at various organizations and group meetings in lieu of the Mayor. Clerk Booker said, "We have a great team and I find that the overall City has the most dedicated workers and people who genuinely care about the job they do and it all trickles down from the leadership."

The older you get, the better you get. Unless you're a banana. Betty White



City Clerks were mentioned as far back as in Acts 19:35 as the officials who quieted down the crowd so the King could speak.

## SPRING INTO CLEANING

Don't take the chance of having your unwanted personal documents fall into the wrong hands. Shred, don't pitch, these items free of charge at the annual Shred-It event at:

**Morton Center**  
**Saturday | May 5 | 9 am – 1 pm**

Eco Shred will provide the shredding services.

To get rid of large items, look for the roll-out dumpsters from April 30 – May 21 in the following near-campus locations:

- Vine at Pearl Street;
- Vine at Stadium Avenue;
- Williams at Chauncey;
- Lutz at Salisbury Street;
- Grant at Harrison Street
- Garfield at Evergreen Street

I always find something I've lost when I do my spring cleaning. This year it was my mind. John Wagner

## WEST SIDE FUN FACT

**ORDINANCE NO. 1 / ADOPTED MAY 16, 1868**

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DIGGING OF DITCHES OR REMOVAL OF DIRT FROM STREETS**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF CHAUNCEY** that it is unlawful for any person or persons to dig a ditch or in any way change or remove stone, gravel, earth or other material from any of the streets or alleys within the corporate limits of said Town, excepting by and with the consent and authority of the Board of Trustees. Any person or person violating this Ordinance on conviction shall be fined for each offense in any sum not exceeding Ten Dollars.

**NEWS BY EMAIL:** To receive City newsletters by email, visit the email notification page under Services at [www.wl.in.gov](http://www.wl.in.gov)

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A Tree City USA



Samuel Postlethwait

**LET'S GO EVENT CALENDAR**

**Rx/OTC Take-Back**

2nd Thursdays | 11:30 – 1:30 pm  
May 10 | June 14 | July 12 | August 9  
WL Police Station

**City Offices CLOSED**

May 28 | Memorial Day  
July 4 | Independence Day  
September 3 | Labor Day

**Street Department CLOSED**

Friday, July 6 for Independence Day

**May is Bike Month**

May 9 | National Bike to School Day  
May 14-18 | National Bike to Work Week  
May 18 | National Bike to Work Day  
[BikeWalkGreaterLafayette.org](http://BikeWalkGreaterLafayette.org)



Ann Hunt

**West Lafayette Farmers Market**

Wednesdays | May – October  
3:30 – 7 pm | Cumberland Park  
[www.wlfarmersmarket.com](http://www.wlfarmersmarket.com)

**Wednesdays in the Wild**

Wednesdays | 1 – 3 pm  
Lilly Nature Center  
[www.wl.in.gov/parks](http://www.wl.in.gov/parks)

**Mind BOGgling Event**

Saturday | May 19 | 10 am – 3 pm  
Celery Bog Nature Area

**West Lafayette Municipal Pool**

Opens May 24 | noon – 7:50 pm  
Salisbury & Kingston Streets

**Cemetery Walk**

Sunday | May 20 | 2 – 4 pm  
Topic: Builders of our community  
Grandview Cemetery

**Round the Fountain Art Fair**

Saturday | May 26  
9 am – 4:30 pm  
Courthouse Square

**Taste of Tippecanoe**

Saturday | June 16  
4 pm – midnight  
Downtown Lafayette

**Indiana Fiddlers' Gathering**

Friday - Sunday | June 22 – 24  
Tippecanoe Battlefield

**Art in Bloom**

Saturday | June 23  
10 am – 2 pm  
Tour maps posted soon  
[www.wl.in.gov](http://www.wl.in.gov)

**Stars & Stripes**

Wednesday | July 4  
Riehle Plaza | Downtown Lafayette

**Wabash Riverfest**

Saturday | July 14 | 9 am – 4 pm  
Tapawingo Park

